

FORT MILL MELANGE.

Pythia Points Gathered for the Perusal of Times Readers.

Mrs. L. H. Drakeford is visiting relatives in Fort Mill.

The central office of the Bell long distance telephone is now in the store of W. B. Ardrey & Co.

Friends of S. F. Massey, esq., are urging him to become a candidate for magistrate in Fort Mill Township.

At a recent meeting of the Jefferson Davis Memorial Association Rev. R. A. Yongue was elected an honorary member.

Dr. J. H. Thornwell and Mr. J. H. McMurray are attending the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in Charleston.

Prof. Jackson Hamilton has received an appointment from the State Superintendent of Education to teach a summer school at Georgetown during the months of June and July.

Because of the illness of two of its members, Gold Hill Cornet Band could not accept an invitation from the Daughters of the Confederacy to furnish music at Ebenezer on Decoration Day.

From a map recently published it is learned that Fort Mill is one of the towns which will be in the path of totality of the eclipse of the sun which is to occur Monday morning, May 28, at about 7:35 o'clock.

Communion services were held at Flint Hill Baptist Church Sunday morning. After the services were concluded a collection was taken up for the benefit of the famine-stricken inhabitants of India. The amount donated was \$25.

Capt. W. H. Edwards came up from Chester Saturday morning to superintend the erection of a monument to the memory of the late A. J. Downs. Captain Edwards says that he is not a candidate for any office this year, but that he intends to boost the candidacy of his friends.

The strike of the telegraph operators of the Southern Railway having been declared off, Mr. L. E. Ligon, the operator who quit the service of the company at this place, left Monday afternoon for Columbia, whither he goes in search of a position with the Seaboard Air Line.

The editor of The Times left last night for Columbia to attend the State Democratic Convention, which meets to-day. The York County delegates to the convention are, Messrs. J. S. Brice, R. M. Carroll, J. F. Ashe, T. P. McDill, G. L. Riddle, W. R. Bradford, W. B. Wilson, J. C. Wilborn, W. B. Smith, and Thos. F. McDow.

A meeting of those who are financially interested in the proposed electric power plant which is to be built on Catawba River, 4 miles from Fort Mill, was held in Rock Hill Saturday morning and the company was formally organized, the following named gentlemen being elected officers thereof: Dr. W. Gill Wylie, president; W. Harry Wylie, vice-president; F. C. Whitner, secretary and treasurer; W. C. Whitner, general manager. Bids for the erection of the dam will be invited at once, and the plant which is first to be installed will generate about 3,600 horse power—more than enough to furnish all the cotton mills and other industries of both Fort Mill and Rock Hill.

Under instructions from Supervisor Culp, the superintendent of the county chain gang is clearing the thick growth of under brush from around the monument on King's Mountain battle ground. The mountain was last cleaned off in the summer of 1881, for the occasion of the centennial celebration; but during the twenty years since that time it has been so neglected that the thick growth which flourishes so luxuriously on the summit has now reached the height of more than thirty feet, completely obscuring the monument even for a distance of a few rods. Although the battle field is several miles from the nearest railroad, and rather inconvenient of access, it is still the objective point of frequent pilgrimages, not only by people from the country immediately surrounding, but of historians and others from long distances. It is also quite popular as a picnic ground. The unkept condition of the historic spot has long been a source of concern to many citizens; but they have not been doing much except talk, and as the county board of commissioners is without specific authority to use the convicts for such a purpose, they have been hesitating until the supervisor has decided to take the responsibility upon himself. The work can be accomplished in a few days, and the supervisor will, no doubt, be generally commended for what he is doing.—Yorkville correspondence of the News and Courier.

Memorial Day Exercises.

The graves of the Confederate dead in Fort Mill cemetery were strewn with sweet flowers on last Thursday afternoon. The paying of tribute to those who battled for the Lost Cause is a custom which has been annually observed in this community for a great many years. The crowd gathered at the Presbyterian Church at 4 o'clock and after a short prayer by Rev. Dr. Thornwell, all repaired to the cemetery and an hour was spent in decorating the graves of those who fought for what every true-hearted Southerner believes to have been right. The decoration of the graves being at an end, those in attendance resorted to Confederate Park, where an address was delivered by Rev. R. A. Yongue. Mr. Yongue said:

"Veterans, Ladies, and Gentlemen: I can speak to you to-day only from the standpoint of a wartime boy; but well do I remember the exultation over victory and the days of anguish when the bodies of the dead came home and the women and boys had to bury them. I remember when the first whisper of General Lee's surrender reached us, and it grew louder and louder until one day a ragged soldier sat down at our table and tears fell upon his plate as he told how heroically they had struggled only to lose in the end. Alas! it was too true; the end had come; General Lee had surrendered.

"But now I turn from these boyish reminiscences to speak of three characters not produced, but brought out by the crucible of war, as the hot fires bring out the gold. Looming up above the horizon of history stand Robt. E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson as the two grandest chieftains not only of modern times, but of all time and all ages. The world has had its Caesar, its Napoleon, its Alexander, who waded through rivers of blood to their thrones, but here are men who fought not for self-glory, but for native land—men who put self-interest under foot and made duty the guiding star of their lives. It is said that Lincoln offered General Lee the command of the Northern armies. General Lee knew not then what honors awaited him, for Albert Sidney Johnson was in command of the armies of the Confederacy, but he knew where duty lay. When, as a colonel, he tendered his sword to the governor of Virginia, his native State, he knew not that following where duty led his name would be written on the highest pinnacle of the temple of fame. Grand and glorious in the hour of victory, he became more grand and glorious in the hour of defeat; and on the day of his death not only this Southland, but a world, exclaimed in heartfelt sorrow, 'Know you not that a prince and a great man has this day fallen?' And enshrined in millions of warm Southern hearts the name of Robert Edmund Lee will live forever.

"What shall I say of Stonewall Jackson, the soldier who won the hearts of his men as no other ever has, the captain who could fall like a cyclone on the astonished foe or who in the dread shock of battle could stand like a stone wall, the soldier whose old colored servant could tell when a battle was at hand because his master was much in prayer? Jackson took the God of Battles into the field and the blows he struck were like the thunderbolts of Jehovah.

"Now we come to consider the most wonderful character brought out by the war—the Confederate private, the man who shoeless and hatless and hungry could beat back the well-armed and well-fed armies of the world, who could endure untold hardships and whose bloody feet marked the turnpikes of Virginia. It was and is upon the unparalleled heroism of the private that the fame of the officer rests. Stanton was right when he said, 'It is the man behind the gun.' On another occasion a crowd of ragged, hungry Confederates were taken to Washington as prisoners of war. Looking upon them, Lincoln asked, 'How is it that these men can beat back my well-armed and well-fed legions?' The answer was, 'Stonewall Jackson's men mix their powder with their heart's blood.' Yes, this is the key to the wonderful Confederate private. Their hearts right in it; they believed they were were in 1861, and they have never changed their minds. And, veterans, though the cause be lost and though the Confederate States of America were blotted out in blood, yet, O soldiers of the South, the principles for which you fought will never be lost, and like heaven lid in the meal of time will yet give heaven the whole lump. The shell-torn banner dyed with your blood will ever be glorified in song and story. The inspiration of the Stars and Bars was felt on the battlefields of Cuba, when the old Confederate veteran, Joe Wheeler, shouted, as the Spaniards gave

way, 'Charge, boys, the Yankees are running.'

"Last and best, I come to the women of the Confederacy. Who would have dreamed in 1860, as he looked upon the petted daughters of the South, whose fair hands were unused to toil and whose every wish was law, who could dream what mountains of gold lay hid there? But under war's ponderous hammer and in the seven times lated furnace of suspense and anguish how grandly their virtues shone! As yonder monument stands upon a foundation hidden deep down in the earth, so during those four long years of war it was the patriotism of the Southern woman who, unseen upon the great battle fields, in the quiet of the home felt the burden rest upon her. And the rock foundation on which rests the fame of chieftain and private is the heroism of Southern womanhood. Soldiers, your park is well filled with monuments and everyone of them deserved, but the grandest is that on which a woman stands with her face upturned toward her God. The valor of Southern men rests on the grander valor of Southern women. It was a Southern woman who wrote to her husband in the trenches, 'We are starving, but do your duty like a man.' And when some hand, uninfluenced by the smoke of battle, shall write the history of the Lost Cause, an amendment will be added to Secretary Stanton's famous phrase, and say, 'It was the woman who stood behind the man behind the gun' that made its flash like the forked lightning and its bullet like a thunderbolt of Jove. O womanhood of the South, your children rise up and call you blessed.

"But time passes and we must not forget our honored dead. This is Decoration Day and as we place the living flowers on the graves of our dead let us ever remember that they being dead yet speak to us. In the New South of to-day, rising like the Phoenix from the ashes of the past, their sacrifices, like leaven, are felt, and their blood has fertilized and made possible the glorious present and the grander future. Sleep on, Southern dead, but the principles for which you fought and the lessons of your courage and heroism still go marching on.

"Finally, veteran soldiers of the Confederacy, you stand to-day as monuments of the past. Time has thinned your ranks and has robbed your step of its spring. You can no longer rush in the headlong charge. Your voice is not as strong as in the days when the wild rebel yell struck terror to the foe. But before you lies one more battle. Your gray hair, like the voice of the trumpet, calls you to prepare for the fray. This last enemy is Death, and you must meet him alone. Soldiers of the South, I trust you are also soldiers of the cross. In this holy war the bugle will never sound retreat and we shall never have to sing with aching hearts—

"Hail that banner, for 'tis weary, Around its staff 'tis drooping dreary."

It is the present purpose, says the Yorkville correspondent of the News and Courier, of the company which is establishing the big electric power transmission plant on Catawba River at Sutton's Ferry to sell power at Fort Mill and Rock Hill at about \$15 per horse power per annum. The average cost of horse power developed by steam is above \$20, and in some instances runs as high as \$40, even in this section where fuel is comparatively cheap. The company, however, will want to make long time contracts and to that end will offer the power at rates lower than is possible for steam. One result of this new enterprise will be a great saving in the rapidly disappearing fuel supply and the benefit to the country at large will thus be almost as great as to the owners of this plant.

The Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets to Charleston, S. C., and return at rate of one first-class fare for the round trip from all points on its line on account of the annual meeting Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association. Tickets to be sold May 22, 23, and 24, with final limit May 28, 1900, inclusive.

On account of the annual session Imperial Council Order of the Mystic Shrine, Washington, D. C., the Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets from all points on its line to Washington, D. C., and return at rate of one first-class fare for the round trip. Dates of sale May 23, 24, and 25 with final limit May 27th, 1900. Persons residing at non-coupon stations desiring to avail themselves of these reduced rates and purchase coupon tickets will be required to give the agent at their station at least two or three days in advance of the present trip in order that he may be enabled to obtain through tickets, etc.

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E. F. CRAWFORD, Manager.

IN MEMORIAM.
A tribute of affection from the members of the Foreign Missionary Society TO

Mrs. MAMIE BELK MASSEY.

With emotion of mingled pleasure and pain do we testify of her life from a lovely childhood, blooming into beautiful girlhood and maturing into happy womanhood—pleasure, that it was our privilege to feel the impress of her sunny nature and gentle influence; pain, that her loving presence will move in and out before us never more.

Though young in years, as some count time, she had long given her heart and life into His keeping, whom she loved, served, and fully trusted, leaving an example, the eldest among us were wise to imitate.

Lending cheerfully her hand to every good cause, "her alms have gone up before her" as a sweet memorial to Him whose blood hath washed and made "spotless the robe," in which she entered the presence of the King.

"Living we loved her; dead we shall not forget her."
To the afflicted mother, bereaved sisters and brother, to those who sit in the deeper shadow, in the inner circle of the broken home, we extend our heartfelt sorrow and loving sympathy.

"She died in beauty
Like the rose, dropped from its parent stem;
She died in beauty
Like a pearl, lost from its diadem.

"She lives in glory
Like the stars, bright jewels of the night;
She lives in glory
Like the sun, when at meridian height."

A page on our minutes is hereby inscribed sacred to her memory.
The Fort Mill Times will kindly publish and a copy will be tendered the family of this token of our esteem.
1st Corinthians, xv, lviii.

Mrs. B. E. WHITE,
Mrs. J. H. THORNWELL,
Mrs. J. B. MACK,
Committee.

AT THE STORE

Of A. O. Jones there has just been received a shipment of Cabbage, Potatoes (Irish and Sweet), both for planting and eating, Lemons, Oranges, Bananas. My reputation is that of carrying the choicest fruits brought to Fort Mill. This reputation I shall sustain.

A lot of medium grade pants, all sizes and weights, will be sold regardless of price. You would do well to see them before you buy.

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Boys' Suits.....	25 to 3.25
Men's Suits.....	2.50 to 6.00
Men's Hats.....	10 to 2.00
Boys' Hats.....	10 to 90
Ladies' Hats.....	15 to 4.50
Ladies' Bicycles.....	12.50 to 26.00
Men's Bicycles.....	25.00 to 35.00
Baby Carriages.....	5.00 to 11.50
China Matting.....	12½ to 27½
Sewing Machines.....	22.50 to 35.00
Watches.....	1.00 to 15.00
Clocks.....	90 to 5.50
Shirts.....	15 to 95
Calico.....	3 to 5
Alumnae.....	4½ to 5
Pants Cloth.....	7½ to 90
Window Shades.....	15 to 75
Shoes.....	20 to 3.25

Don't forget our free concerts every Friday afternoon at 4 to 5 o'clock.

L. J. MASSEY.

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Handing Down

The choicest table luxuries in this section has increased the business of our Grocery Department until it is now recognized by a majority of the people hereabouts as the place to satisfy the inner man. Those who desire the choicest edibles never fail to make known to us their wants—a sort of you push-the-button understanding.

Do these warm days suggest more comfortable SHIRTS? If so, come to see us. Our stock of Summer Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, and Neckties is complete.

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Special Sale

STRAW HATS.

Lates Styles, Lowest Prices.

Summer is here, and of course you do not intend to wear your winter hat much longer. Cool-headed people are the ones who wear straw hats in sweltering season. So we would suggest that you visit our store and secure one or more. Perhaps you are particular about the price. Well, we are not; they must be sold, and we are offering them—all sizes and styles—for less than the regular cost price.

Need a pair of Pants?

Perhaps you do. Ours are made of the prettiest patterns and the newest designs. And they are going fast. Quality and value is what is selling them at from \$1.50 to \$4.50. If you are in need of a pair of pants, here's an opportunity that is worth the while.

Youths' and Boys' Suits.

Of course you do not intend that your boy wear the same old suit that served him during the winter. Most parents are particular about the appearance of their boys. So please both yourself and your boy by buying him one of our suits. The prices and quality are all that could be asked. They run from 50 cents to \$2.50.

Dress Goods, Dimities, Printed Lawns, Etc.,

Comprise another part of our stock which is being sold at extremely close prices. The designs are pretty and the prices are sure to meet with your approval. Plain white lawns, splendid values for the money, 5 to 10 cents per yard. In our assortment of ribbon is to be found all colors and widths.

Ladies' Slippers.

We have a stock of ladies' slippers which we are selling at from 65 cents to \$2.10 a pair. They are the kind you would pay more for elsewhere.

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